



# Proclamation

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## In Recognition of Family Day – A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children™

**WHEREAS**, The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) in partnership with the Maui Family YMCA recognize *Family Day – A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children™* on September 26, 2011, a national day of recognition which encourages parents to engage with their children during family dinners as an effective tool to help keep America's children substance free; and

**WHEREAS**, The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) launched *Family Day – A Day to Eat with Your Children™* in 2001 to remind parents that "Dinner Makes A Difference!"; and

**WHEREAS**, The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) understands that children who frequently eat dinner with their families are likelier to receive better grades in school, hold relationships with their parents and friends, and are less likely to have friends who smoke, drink, or use drugs; and

**WHEREAS**, The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University has conducted 16 years of research and have well-documented a correlation between frequent family dinners and reduced risk for substance abuse;

**THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2011 as**

## **"FAMILY DAY – A DAY TO EAT DINNER WITH YOUR CHILDREN™"**

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in supporting The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse and its national initiative to remind parents that what your kids really want at the dinner table is YOU!

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twelfth day of September, 2011.

**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

**BRIAN SCHATZ**  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i